

Sri V. L. PATIL (Minister for Social Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Department of Social Welfare has not been informed of the fact.

(c) The matter will be considered subject to availability of funds and provided the Taluk Development Board, Holenarasipur set apart its contribution to the extent of 1/4 of the total cost of the building and provides a suitable site free of cost for constructing the Hostel Building.

Election of members to the Board of Regents of the University of Agricultural Sciences—Results

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to make an announcement to the House. At the election to the Board of Regents of the University of Agricultural Sciences held yesterday, the 28th September 1970, the following three members have been declared elected :—

1. Sri Kondajji Basappa
2. Sri D. S. Gowda
3. Sri C. M. Desai.

Homage to President Nasser of U. A. R.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Suggestions have come from several hon. Members that I should make a reference to the sad demise of President Nasser of U. A. R. President Nasser led a revolutionary movement and from the time he became the President of U. A. R., he led the country to modernism and his country made great strides and progress. He was a great friend of India during his time and great friendship grew between U. A. R. and our great country.

In the international field, he was one of the triumvirate who led the non-aligned nations of the world. He along with our revered late Prime Minister Nehru was a devotee and advocate of secularism. Credit goes to him for ushering in the principle of secularism in the Arab world.

It is a great loss not only to Egypt but also to the whole world and we in India have a special reason to bemoan the sad demise. I know you are all one with me in this.

I shall send the heart-felt condolences of this House to the new President who has taken over the reins of U. A. R. As a mark of respect to the great departed leader, I request the House to stand in silence for a couple of minutes.

(The House stood in silence for two minutes).